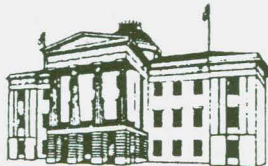


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2012, as "NORTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK" and commend its observance to all our citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.